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SUBJECT: NEW EMBASSY COMPLEX

REF: STATE 86707

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE (IN EMBASSY TRANSLATION)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR SERVICE TO THE DIPLOMATIC
CORPS (UPDK) ON APRIL 30:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE ADMINISTRATION FOR SERVICE TO THE
DIPLOMATIC CORPS, REFERRING TO NOTE WJS-I FROM THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF MARCH 6 THIS YEAR, COM-
MUNICATES THE FOLLOWING: THE MAIN ARCHITECTURAL
ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CITY OF MOSCOW HAS EXAMINED THE
DRAFT PLANNING DETERMINATION AND THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE
SITE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BUILDING COMPLEX IN MOSCOW
ON KONYUSHKOVSKAYA STREET WITH REFERENCE TO NOTE WJS 3
OF 1 APRIL THIS YEAR. THE RESULTS OF THIS EXAMINATION
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE ZONING OF THE TERRITORY OF THE SITE, THE
USE OF LANDSCAPE CHANGES, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
UNDERGROUND AREA - AS SET FORTH IN THE PLANNING
PERSPECTIVE - ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR FURTHER ELABORATION
(WORK).

IN CONNECTION WITH PARAGRAPH 2, PART III OF THE
US-USSR CONDITIONS OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT OF
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DECEMBER 4, 1972, EACH SIDE IS REQUIRED TO PRESENT

TO THE OTHER FOR PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT, DRAFT DRAWINGS, INCLUDING PROJECT MATERIALS, CALLED FOR IN POINTS AA AB AC AD AND AE OF THE MENTIONED PARAGRAPH.

AT THE PRESENT TIME THE AMERICAN SIDE HAS PRESENTED PROJECT MATERIALS AND THE SCHEMA OF THE DRAFT PLANNING DETERMINATION AND THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE SITE, AS CALLED FOR ONLY IN POINTS AA AND AB.

AFTER TRANSMITTAL FOR THE AMERICAN SIDE OF DOCUMENTS, ACCORDING TO POINT A PARAGRAPH 2, PART III OF THE ABOVE AGREEMENT, THE MAIN ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW IS READY TO EXAMINE THE DRAFT PROJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT AMBIGUOUS SOVIET NOTE IN FACT EXTENDS APPROVAL OF OUR PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONCEPT FOR THE NEW CHANCERY AND THAT WE MAY NOW PROCEED TO ENGAGE IN MORE DETAILED PLANNING FOR THE CHANCERY COMPLEX. HOWEVER, EMBASSY INTENDS TO VERIFY THIS IMPRESSION ON MAY 6 WHEN SOVIET OFFICES REOPEN AFTER MAY DAY HOLIDAYS.

3. IF EMBASSY'S ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT, WOULD ARCHITECTURAL TEAM STILL WISH TO VISIT MOSCOW BEFORE COMMENCING MORE DETAILED PLANNING AS CALLED FOR IN PART III, PARAGRAPH 2, AC, AD, AE OF CONDITIONS OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT?

4. WE UNDERSTAND CHIEF ARCHITECT OF MOSCOW PLANS TO ARRIVE IN U.S. ON MAY 5 RATHER THAN MAY 3 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PURSUE SOVIET REACTION TO OUR PRELIMINARY DESIGN WITH HIM.

5. EMBASSY POUCHING ORIGINAL OF SOVIET NOTE TO EUR/SOV. DUBS

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